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1. IT IS MY CONSIDERED OPINION THAT USG SHOULD NOW
INVITE THE MALAWI ARMY TO SEND OFFICERS TO OUR ARMY'S
WELL-KNOWN AND PRESTIGIOUS STAFF SCHOOLS ON A REGULAR
AND CONTINUING BASIS. THE COST OF THIS TRAINING TO THE USG
IS RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT IT WOULD EARN US CONSIDERABLE
POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM GOM POLICY MAKERS.

2. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR
INTERESTS TO EXPOSE PROMINENT YOUNG ARMY OFFICERS TO
AMERICA IDEALS AND EXPERIENCES. AT PRESENT, LIMITED
NUMBERS OF MALAWIAN OFFICERS ARE TRAINED IN THE UK
AND KENYA AND AS OF 1976 ONE OFFICER ATTENDS A CANADIAN
STAFF COLLEGE. THESE FEW SLOTS ARE INSUFFICIENT FOR
THE ARMY'S NEEDS.

3. I HAVE IN MIND THAT AS A FIRST STEP WE SHOULD
INVITE A MALAWIAN OFFICER TO ATTEND THE COMMAND AND
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GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE AT FORT LEAVENWORTH FOR THE
NORMAL 9-MONTH PROGRAM DURING TH ACADEMIC YEAR 1978-79.
4. I THEREFORE RQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT SET IN
MOTION THE MECHANISM FOR ARRANGING AND FINANCING THIS
PROGRAM. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE CONCURS.
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